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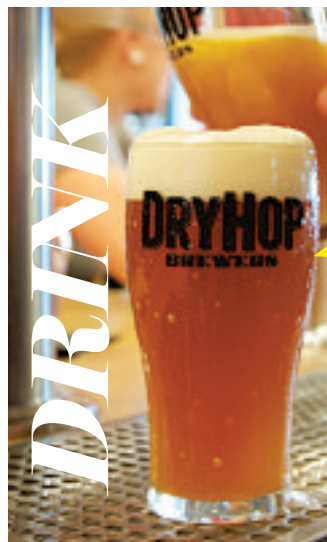
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ILLINOIS LAWMAKERS CALL FOR TSA TO FIX LONG WAIT TIMES AT O'HARE, MIDWAY

By Dawn Rhodes | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

More Transportation Security Administration staff will be dispatched to O'Hare International Airport in response to interminable security lines causing thousands of passengers to miss flights.

Fifty-eight security officers and four bomb-sniffing canine teams will be sent to O'Hare "immediately," according to an announcement Tuesday from U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

A separate announcement from the city later in the day said 100 current TSA officers at O'Hare and Midway Airport will shift from part time to full time within days; 250 additional officers will be assigned to both airports by August; more morning shifts will be added for screeners; and the amount of authorized overtime will triple.

Officials with the TSA and Department of Homeland Security did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A Chicago Department of Aviation spokesman said TSA would provide a more detailed plan.

It remains to be seen whether the new staffers can make a dent in the hourslong wait times at some airports that have forced airlines to hold planes at their gates while more passengers clear security. O'Hare officials are advising passengers to arrive three hours before their flights.

Lines over two hours long caused around 450 American Airlines passengers to miss their flights out of O'Hare on Sunday, and many who could not get onto a later flight slept at the terminal, according to a company spokeswoman.

TSA officials announced this week that it will hire almost 800 new officers for airports nationwide this month and put up more funding for part-time workers and overtime. Congress authorized the agency to shift \$34 million to pay for additional officers. About \$26 million will go toward additional hours for front-line officers, including more overtime and part-time officers, while \$8 million will be used to hire 768 officers this month instead of in September as planned.

But the union that represents those workers contends that is nowhere near enough staffing. To address the issue, union leaders say around 6,000 more full-time agents are needed, particularly in time for the busy summer season, when many airlines are anticipating record numbers of fliers.

The added canine units, which can speed up lines by sniffing passengers for explosives, would mean eight dogs assigned to O'Hare. A Chicago Department of Aviation spokesman previously said TSA budgeted for 15 bomb-sniffing dogs at O'Hare and Midway, which has just one.

The unusual delays have been blamed on woeful understaffing and more stringent security measures, compounded by an uptick in the number of travelers.

The TSA now has about 42,000 officers, down from 47,000 in 2013. During the same period, passenger volume has risen 15 percent, to 740 million from 643 million, according to the American Federation of Government Employees, which represents TSA officers.

The problem also hurts airline operations, as airlines risk flying out with half-empty planes if lines are too long. Airlines sometimes pull people to the front of the line if their flight is leaving soon, or face the tough choice of delaying a flight and causing a cascade of late arrivals throughout the country.

The problems are spurring ramped-up political pressure from Illinois lawmakers.

Durbin said he urged Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson to improve enrollment in TSA PreCheck, an expedited screening program.

"Airlines must also encourage more travelers to check bags instead of hauling them through the main security lines, and I'll be calling on them to waive their checked baggage fees during these peak travel months."

—U.S. Sen. **Dick Durbin**, who also encouraged enrollment in the TSA PreCheck program

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U.S. Sen. Mark Kirk (R-Ill.) called for TSA Administrator Peter Neffenger to step aside if he cannot come up with a solution by Memorial Day—the start of summer travel season.

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By Cheryl V. Jackson | BLUE SKY INNOVATION

A startup expanding to the Chicago market wants to build a better way for apartment- and home-seekers to find potential roommates.

Roomi, a free mobile app and online service, lets users view each other's profiles—which include information on TV viewing and social preferences—and then send each another messages.

The goal is for people to better gauge compatibility than they could using a traditional “roommate wanted” posting, said founder and CEO Ajay Yadav. Each posting is vetted by a Roomi employee, he said.

“You want to know who these people are, their preferences. If you love yoga, or maybe biking, then you can make a much more informed decision,” said Yadav, 28.

Chicago is the 14th market for the New York-based start-up, which said it has matched 50,000 roommates.

Roomi launched in June and has received about \$2 million in funding from investors including Great Oaks Venture Capital in New York and DCM and AngelList in California.

Yadav said he started Roomi while sleeping on his friends' couch for more than a year while he struggled to find a place to live.

“I was having a hard time finding safe, affordable shared housing,” he said.

Now, he says, the company has 18 employees.

Roomi isn't alone as a tech company trying to put more personality into the room-for-rent market.

London-based Easy Roommate, a 17-year-old site that operates in 25 countries, has about 1,544 active profiles in Chicago. Posting is free, but at least one of the parties—either the room poster or the person seeking a room—needs to be a paid member. That

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—Ajay Yadav, founder and CEO of Roomi

costs \$24.90 for 30 days.

Another service that's in the works is called Bedvetter. The New York-based website and app is specifically for people wanting to start a lease together; it's planned to roll out in the next six to eight weeks.

Bedvetter is from the founders of Ollie, a service that offers furnished micro-studio and shared apartments. Bedvetter is an offshoot of the process Ollie had been using to match roommates for its shared Millennial-oriented suites. With Bedvetter's launch, that system will be available for users nationally.

By the end of the year, Ollie itself will likely announce plans to expand to Chicago, co-founder Chris Bledsoe said, with an eye on a late 2018 or early 2019 debut.

Shared economy pioneers such as Uber and Airbnb have broadened acceptance of interacting more with strangers, Roomi's Yadav said, and Millennials are more open to living with strangers to save money and to share experiences.

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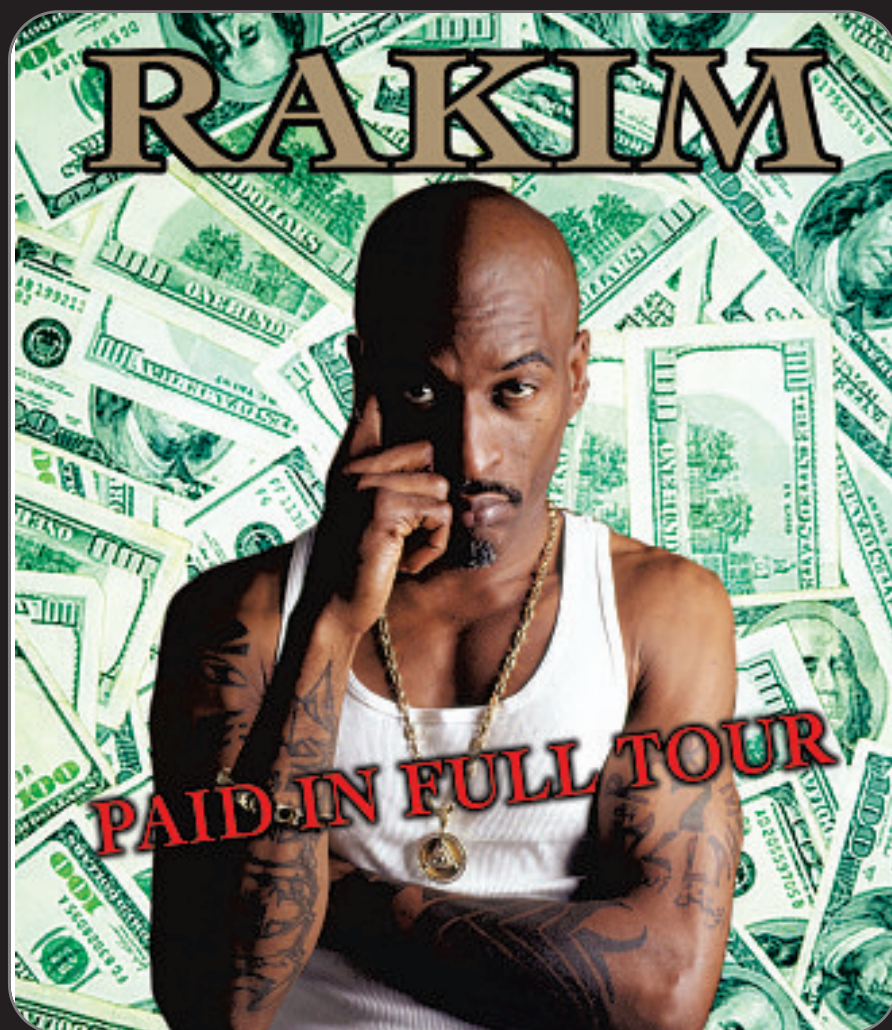
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Jake Arrieta (left) and Chris Sale
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49 IS THE NEW 23

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As a kid growing up in the Chicago suburbs, everyone wanted a No. 23 jersey, because from the early '80s through the 2000s, the number 23 came to signify athletic excellence in Chicago.

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Now?

Now, 49 is officially the new 23 in Chicago. There's no hotter number in the city than 49, an obscure digit now worn by the two most dominant professional baseball players in the city: Cubs ace Jake Arrieta and White Sox ace Chris Sale.

Combined, the two 49s are a sterling 15-0 with a 1.48 ERA on the season. They've allowed a combined 19 earned runs in 115 1/3 innings pitched while striking out a combined 108 batters and allowing just 28 walks. Opponents are hitting .153 against Arrieta this season and an only slightly better .167 against Sale.

Those figures aren't just borderline absurd, they're out of this world.

It's still early in the season, but what is taking place on both sides of town might be the best pitching we've ever seen on the North

and South sides simultaneously.

And 49 is a number that until recently hadn't done much for Chicago sports fans.

Consider the fact that until Arrieta and Sale burst on the scene, the best professional athlete to ever wear No. 49 was—wait for it—Carlos Marmol. As in much-maligned, don't-let-the-door-hit-you-on-the-way-out former Cubs closer Carlos Marmol. He did at least record 117 saves while wearing the number, good for third all-time in Cubs history. Before him, Frank Castillo posted a 47-62 record in seven years wearing No. 49 on the North Side.

As for Sale, he didn't have to do much to become the best player to wear No. 49 on the South Side. Prior to him, only pitcher Richard Dotson (34-33 from 1979-82) had done much of anything wearing what is now

Sale's number, and Dotson's best season with the Sox came during the 1983 "Winning Ugly" season (22-7, 3.23 ERA) after he switched to No. 34 and the team won the American League West title.

The number's history is even bleaker in Chicago outside of baseball.

No Bulls player has ever worn the number, while the most prominent Blackhawks to wear it are the likes of goaltenders Jimmy Waite and Michael Leighton. As for the Bears, the best player to ever wear No. 49 has to be former defensive back David Tate, who notched seven interceptions and 238 tackles for the Bears in five seasons.

Linebacker Sam Acho wears it now for the Bears, and if Arrieta and Sale's recent success is any indication, he's in for a monster 2016.

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'Empire'

Ex-Bears rule 'Empire' for a day

By Phil Thompson | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Nathan Palmer has lived one dream as an NFL wide receiver, but he'll get to live out another one on the hit drama "Empire" on Wednesday.

Palmer and defensive tackle Bruce Gaston, both of whom were waived by the Bears on Monday, and Giants tight end and Naperville native Matt LaCosse shot scenes in March and were scheduled to make cameos during the show's Season 2 finale.

All three share an agent who helped them get on the show, which is shot in Chicago, but making an appearance on "Empire" probably means a little bit more to Palmer, who's trying to launch a side career as a singer and has produced several music videos.

"I have not missed an episode. Every Wednesday. It's a good show," Palmer said. "The music industry is something that has always intrigued me being a professional athlete, just to see a show do so well with so many great actors. It's definitely not something you want to pass up given the opportunity to be a part of it."

Palmer goes by the stage name NaPalm, and some of his R&B stylings reference a "player" of a different type, such as "Cassanova" off his most recent album, "Life As A Bachelor." "III Letter" and "Ain't That Something" play on love-lost themes.

Scenes from several of Palmer's videos were shot in Chicago.

"That experience alone is time-consuming and takes a lot of planning, so to be able to sit there [on the 'Empire' set] and see all things that they did for that TV show was definitely something that was a proud moment in my life," he said.

Like Palmer, Gaston appears on the show as himself. But the players were sworn to

SO WHO'S WHO?

Ex-Bear Nate Palmer compared three former teammates to characters on "Empire."

JOSH BELLAMY AS HAKEEM LYON

"He's got the flashiest personality, but he's focused, he's dedicated and he's very passionate about everything he does."

JAY CUTLER AS LUCIOUS LYON

"He pulls no punches, he says what he means, he means well in everything that he does. But when it's time to be guy in the room people might not like but you respect, that's definitely Jay Cutler."

KYLE LONG OR MARTELLUS BENNETT AS COOKIE LYON

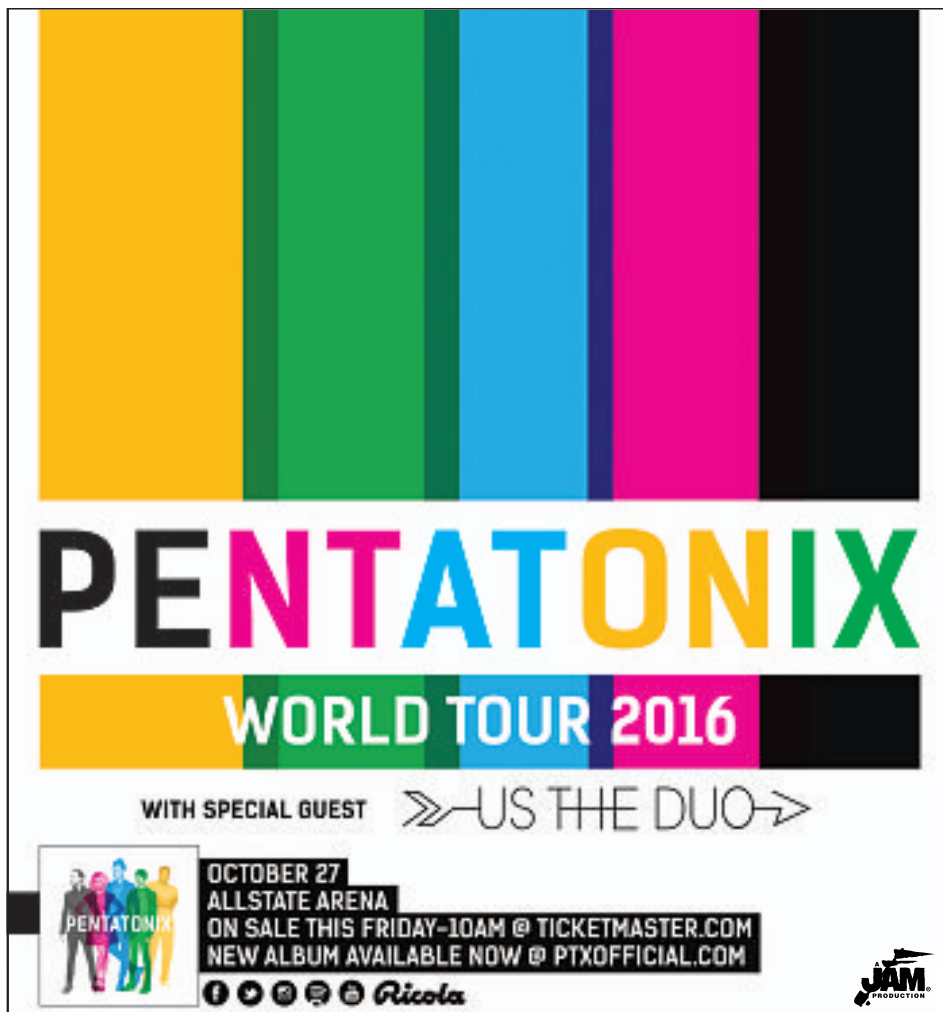
"Just the personality," Palmer said, laughing. "Definitely Martellus would be one [candidate to be Cookie]. I love Martellus. That's my man."

secrecy about their scenes. LaCosse was allowed to reveal his role: a bodyguard. He just couldn't say whose body he was guarding because it might tip off a significant plot twist.

"I was supposed to be a cameo, just like [Palmer and Gaston], but apparently a producer or director saw me and thought would I be good for the part because of how big I am," said LaCosse, who's listed on Giants.com as 6-foot-5 and 261 pounds. "It was pretty lucky."

Palmer was happy to see LaCosse get a bigger role. He was satisfied just to meet actors such as Taraji P. Henson (Cookie Lyon), Terrence Howard (Lucious Lyon) and Bryshere Gray (Hakeem Lyon).




He also praised Howard's work ethic. "I was able to watch him and how he took control of scenes. He was like a third director out there, knowing the ins and outs of that show," Palmer said.



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By Heather Schroering | REDEYE

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Wouldn't it be more fun if there was beer involved? Good thing we're not too old to play school, beer school that is. Chicago Craft Beer Week—a magical time when the worlds of coffee, bowling, art and running collide in the name of locally crafted suds—starts Thursday, and we broke down 18 of the hundreds of events into all the necessary subjects from geography to physical education. (Don't worry, lunch and recess are included. Duh.)

The 11-day week spans May 19-29 and kicks off with Beer Under Glass at the Garfield Park Conservatory (300 N. Central Park Ave. 312-746-5100), with pours from nearly 100 breweries and food from more than 10 restaurants. About 300 events throughout the city and suburbs make up the seventh annual week.

Whether it's your first or seventh CCBW, beer school is in session. Make your class schedule with the events listed here, and check chibeerweek.com (or download the Chicago Craft Beer Week 2016 app) for a complete list of events.

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WOMEN'S STUDIES

MAY 20

Women of DryHop Beer Release Party

DryHop Brewers 3155 N. Broadway 773-857-3155

The third annual event celebrates the release of She Sells Sea Salt, an American farmhouse ale brewed with hibiscus flower and sea salt (\$6 per 13-ounce pour). 6 p.m.-2 a.m. No cover.

MAY 21

Ladies in Liquid

Bucktown Pub 1658 W. Cortland St. 773-394-9898

Catch a variety show from female craft brewers and industry folks, play games and sip brews from Half Acre Beer Co., Aquanaut Brewing Co., Around the Bend Beer Co. and others. A portion of proceeds from beer sales benefit the Chicago Foundation for Women. 3-10 p.m. No cover.

MAY 21

Roast & Prost

Illuminated Brew Works 415 N. Sangamon St.

Bring beer to share at this hog roast and bonfire collaboration between craft beer-swigging ladies group She's Crafty Chicago, Illuminated Brew Works and ManBQue. While pork and sides are first come, first served, guests are encouraged to bring food to grill or a dish to share. Catch tunes from The Columbines, Hungry Man and more. Guests must RSVP for a free ticket as space is limited, but more tickets will be released Friday at roastandprost.brownpapertickets.com. 4-11 p.m. No cover.



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MAY 21

Californication

Public House 400 N. State St. 312-265-1240

Sip beers from seven California breweries including Green Flash Brewing Co., Anchor Brewing, Anderson Valley Brewing Co., Firestone Walker Brewing Co., 21st Amendment Brewery, North Coast Brewing Co. and Stone Brewing. Along with complimentary tastings of each brewery's signature beer, meet representatives from the breweries. Throughout CCBW, all local pints are \$5 at the River North bar. 3-6 p.m. No cover.

MAY 22

Beer Cruise with Brewers of the Western Suburbs

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PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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603 N. Sacramento Blvd. 1-800-466-7363

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pale ale and Bee Squad biere de miel. Tickets include five beer tokens, and bites from The Fat Shallot, The Tamale Spaceship, Da Lobsta and other food trucks will be available for purchase. All proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Special Olympics. \$25. 2-6 p.m. Tickets: brownpapertickets.com

MAY 22

Yoga Pints Haymarket Pub & Brewery

737 W. Randolph St. 312-638-0700

Take an hourlong yoga class for all skill levels followed by a tasting of four 4-ounce sips from the West Loop brewery. \$15. Register by email: marybeth.johnson@hotmail.com

ART CLASS

MAY 26

Art of Craft Beer

Village Tap 2055 W. Roscoe St. 733-883-0817

Meet the artists behind the labels of Chicago breweries including Phineas X. Jones (Half Acre), Nikki Jarecki (Off Color Brewing), Jeff Kuhnle (Pipeworks Brewing Co.), Mighty Few Design Studio (Goose Island, Penrose Brewing Company, Revolution) and more. While sipping their art in a beer garden gallery, sip brews from the featured breweries (\$4-\$8.50 for 6- to 16-ounce pours). 5-10 p.m. No cover.

MAY 26

350 Brewing Co. Presents: Illinois Complaint

Reggies 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120

Raise a glass to punk rock and craft beer as the two worlds collide at this show featuring Masked Intruder, Bigwig, Much the Same and Counterpunch. Hosted by the Tinley Park brewery, beer on tap includes 350's Hop Shaped Guitar pale ale, which was brewed specially for the event in collaboration with Masked Intruder, and other breweries, such as Hailstorm Brewing Co., and Baderbrau Brewery. VIP access includes a rooftop meet-and-greet with brewers and bands (6:30-7:30 p.m.), and all proceeds from ticket sales benefit the Illinois Craft Brewers Guild. 7-11 p.m. \$20-\$30. Tickets: reggieslive.com

LUNCH

MAY 20

QuadUnicornucopia

Star Lounge Coffee Bar

2521 W. Chicago Ave. 773-384-7827

Five courses, five Pipeworks beers and a whole lotta Dark Matter Coffee. That's the deal at the fourth annual collaboration featuring chefs Mike Bancroft and Anne Kostroski (Co-op Sauce, Sauce and Bread Kitchen). On the menu: rhubarb galette with Pipeworks Barrel Aged Hyper Dog imperial milk stout semifreddo served with a shot of Dark Matter Unicorn Blood espresso, and fried potatoes and pork head braised with Pipeworks Passionfruit Guppy, a session ale debuting at the event. 7-10 p.m. \$60. Tickets: eventbrite.com

MAY 22

The Great Outdoors

Headquarters Beercade

213 W. Institute Place 312-291-8735

The five-course meal from chef Jordan Kezon

and beer director Mike Howell features beer cheese soup—white cheddar, smoked gorgonzola, paprika oil and fried sage—paired with HammerHeart Brewing Co. Fautzrauch smoked pale ale and s'mores cheesecake with beer caramel and charred marshmallow paired with Off Color Brewing's Dinos'mores sweet stout. 6-10 p.m. \$35. Tickets: hqbeercade.com/rivernorth

MAY 25

Medieval Beer Hall Feast

All Rise Brewing Co.

235 N. Ashland Ave. 312-226-6300

Double-fist whole pig and turkey legs with beer from the Cobra Lounge brewery. 6-8:30 p.m. \$35. Tickets: ticketfly.com

RECESS

MAY 25

Beers, Bags, Bowling & Billiards

Southport Lanes

3325 N. Southport Ave. 773-472-6600

As if bowling and beer weren't enough, get in on some cornhole and pool action with reps from local breweries while sipping \$4-\$5 pours from Revolution, Alarmist Brewing, Maplewood Brewery and Empirical Brewery. 5 p.m. (games begin at 6 p.m.). Free.

MAY 26

Animal vs. People Whirlyball Showdown

Whirlyball Chicago

1825 W. Webster Ave. 773-486-7777

It's beer enthusiasts against brewers at the third annual event with Goose Island and Wisconsin's 3 Sheeps Brewing Co. Between games, sample Goose's limited Belgian styles Lolita, Juliet and Madame Rose and 3 Sheeps' First Kiss imperial honey IPA and limited release Roll Out the Barrel Belgian-style golden ale. For a shot at winning a \$100 Whirlyball gift card, RSVP at whirlyball.com/chicago. 7-10 p.m. Free.

STUDY HALL

MAY 21

Delilah's Sour Beer Fest

Delilah's 2771 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-472-2771

Taste lambics and sours from near and far at the Lincoln Park bar's annual event. Admission includes 20 samples of spontaneously fermented Belgian lambics, fruit-based lambics, vintage gueuzes, rare faros and pours from American breweries, such as Goose Island and Penrose Brewing Co. from Geneva. Noon-5 p.m. \$20.

MAY 24

Barrel-Aged Tap Takeover

Lion Head Pub 2251 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-5100

The Lincoln Park bar taps barrel-aged standbys 2015 Goose Island Bourbon County Brand Stout and 2016 Founders Kentucky Breakfast Stout and new recruits such as Nebraska Brewing Co.'s HopAnomaly Belgian-style tripel aged in chardonnay barrels and Virtue Cider bourbon barrel-aged The Cherry Mitten cider (\$9-\$12 a pour, \$13 for four sample sizes). 5 p.m.-midnight. No cover.

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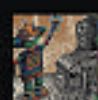
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Ambrose Akinmusire performs at the 2015 Hyde Park Jazz Festival. CHRIS SWEDA/TRIBUNE FILE

Global sounds will be in spotlight at 10th annual Hyde Park Jazz fest

By Howard Reich | CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Ten years ago, a group of Hyde Park cultural activists led by James Wagner realized a dream long in the making: They created a jazz festival unlike any other that attracted throngs to the historic neighborhood. For hours on end, listeners could stroll from one landmark venue to the next to hear some of the world's greatest jazz musicians. For free.

Even Wagner, who died in 2009, might have marveled at how far the festival has come, the event having evolved into a showcase for some of the most innovative currents in music.

This year's festival will unfold Sept. 24-25.

"We wanted to make the festival bigger than the neighborhood and have a global narrative," said festival executive and artistic director Kate Dumbleton, in explaining the international thrust of much of this year's programming.

"Just thinking about the world today and the kind of xenophobia and enclosed-ness that is around" inspired the global perspective, Dumbleton added.

The following are some of the highlights of this year's event, but the full program and schedule are to be announced in July. For more information, visit hydeparkjazzfestival.org.

Miguel Zenon and the Spektral Quartet.

Alto saxophonist Zenon has been commissioned to create a new work he'll perform with the genre-defying, Chicago-based Spektral Quartet. The suite will explore music from rural regions of Puerto Rico, giving the festival a potentially significant world premiere.

Randy Weston. The towering 90-year-old pianist remains at the forefront of interweaving musical practices of Africa with contemporary jazz improvisation and composition.

Amir ElSaffar Two Rivers Ensemble. Trumpeter-vocalist ElSaffar, a former Chicagoan, released one of the best jazz albums of 2015: "Crisis." Mixing the modes, scales and rhythms of his Iraqi heritage with the spirit of jazz improvisation, ElSaffar and his Two Rivers Ensemble conjured an extraordinary range of color and texture.

Matana Roberts. As much storyteller as saxophonist-bandleader, Roberts grew up on the South Side. She'll perform solo.

Tom Harrell. Harrell thrives as a profoundly lyrical trumpeter, masterful composer and nimble arranger in a variety of jazz languages. His 2014 album "Trip" found him pushing against jazz convention and expectation with

tenor saxophonist Mark Turner, bassist Ugonna Okegwo and drummer Adam Cruz. That's the band he'll bring to the festival.

Joshua Abrams, Jeff Parker, Ari Brown, Gerald Cleaver Quartet. Chicago bassist Abrams plays a significant role in new music in Chicago, having appeared on uncounted recordings and penned documentary film scores, as well.

Dee Alexander Quartet featuring Dwight Trible. Alexander has been a key figure in the Hyde Park Jazz Festival since its inception, and she returns in vocal duets with Trible.

Greg Ward & 10 Tongues: "Touch My Beloved's Thought." Last year, alto saxophonist Ward reconceived Charles Mingus' "The Black Saint and the Sinner Lady" in a gripping performance with dancers at the Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park. Ward will reprise his adaptation here (sans dancers).

Wayfaring: Katie Ernst and James Falzone. Two consistently creative musicians—a bassist-vocalist Ernst and clarinetist Falzone—play duets.

Victor Goines Quartet. The great reedist, director of jazz studies at Northwestern's Bienen School of Music, will close the festival.



A variety of dishes at Rojo Gusano
KAITLYN MCQUAID FILE PHOTO FOR REDEYE

Taste of Chicago 2016 lineup includes 20 new food vendors

By Morgan Olsen | REDEYE

The Chicago Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events has announced the lineup for the 36th annual Taste of Chicago, scheduled for July 6-10 in Grant Park. Among the 69 total food vendors making an appearance, there are 20 new options this year.

Newbies include Abundance Bakery, Arami, Auntie Vee's, Brgrbelly, Da Lobsta, Demera Ethiopian Restaurant, Doom Street Eats, Firecakes Donuts, Frannie's Café Inc, Gus's World Famous Fried Chicken, The Happy Lobster Truck, La Jefa, La Patrona, MAD Social, Nana, Pastoral Artisan Cheese, Bread & Wine, Pork & Mindy's, Rojo Gusano, Taco in a Bag and Texas de Brazil.

"Summer in the city means it's Taste of Chicago season, a tradition that Chicagoans and visitors alike look forward to each year for the opportunity to sample some of the newest cuisines our culinary scene has to offer," Mayor Emanuel said in a media release. "As our culinary reputation has grown on the national and international stage, the Taste of Chicago continues to reflect Chicago's vibrant and diverse restaurant scene with new, exciting menu items, along with long-time favorites."

Also new to this year's docket: the CH Distillery Cocktail Lounge, which will serve boozy treats near Buckingham Fountain. The menu includes Moscow mules, tropical rum punch, whiskey sours and limoncello slushies. I repeat, limoncello slushies (aka the common cure for long lines and insufferable crowds). Beer and wine gardens will also be



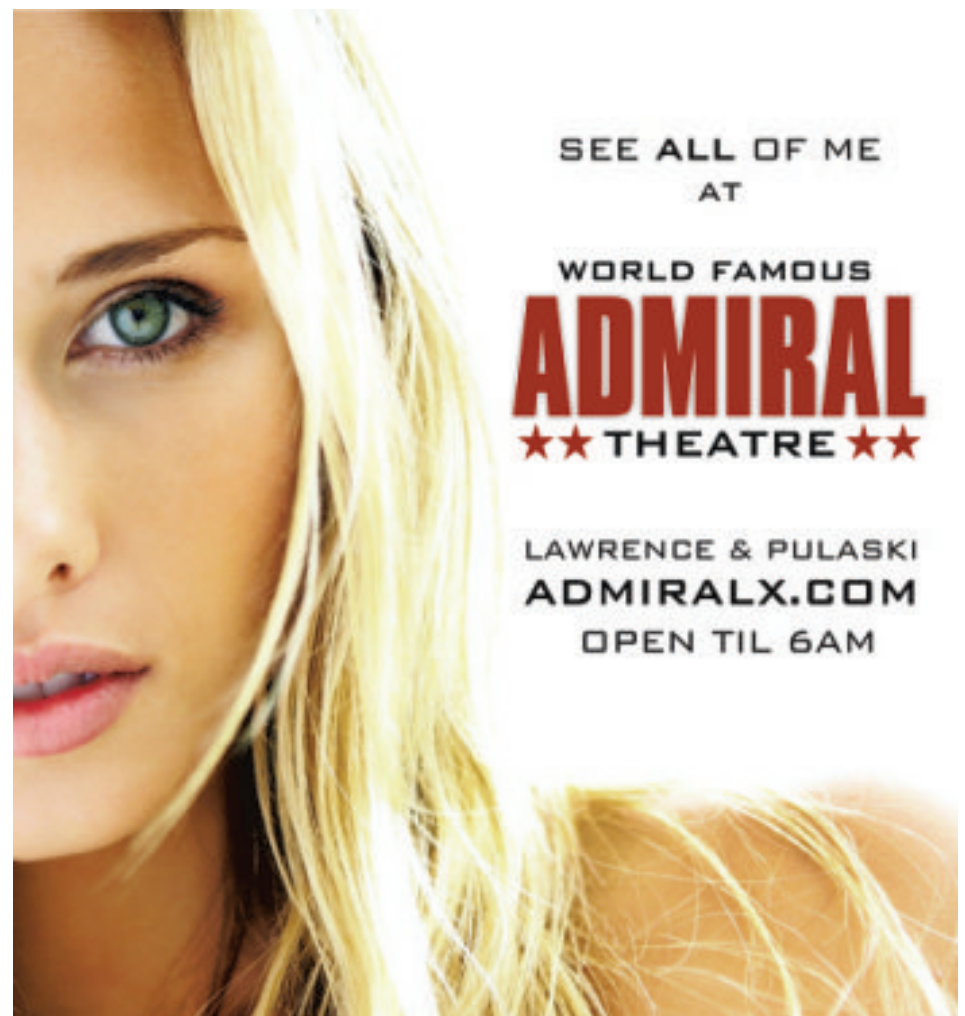
Chicago's Dog House hot dogs at the 2015 Taste of Chicago preview.
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available for visitors who need liquid relief.

Plus, the Celebrity Chef du Jour honors chefs Graham Elliot (Graham Elliot Bistro), Kevin Hickey (The Duck Inn), Patrick Sheerin (Trenchermen), Chris Macchia (Nonnina) and Abraham Conlon (Fat Rice). Each chef will offer a ticketed sit-down, three-course meal (\$45 per person) throughout the duration of the event.

Per usual, admission to the event is free, and tickets for food and drink can be purchased separately (12 tickets for \$8.50). Check out the full list of vendors at tasteofchicago.us.

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STOP MAKING MOVIES FROM VIDEO GAMES!

SOMEONE IS STILL TRYING TO MAKE A TETRIS MOVIE AND IT NEEDS TO STOP. According to **deadline.com**, the project is being pushed as a China-U.S. co-production under Threshold Global Studios. "Tetris The Movie" will be filmed in China and other locations in 2017 and is being billed as "a sci-fi thriller" and eyed as the first film in a trilogy. OK, seriously. Wait. What? How do you make a movie out of getting blocks to fit together? Actually, don't answer that question.



THE QUOTE

"It's nice to feel like, OK, we kinda ended it and now we're gonna move on, and hopefully I'll be able to do something else fun and great."

—**Connie Britton**, on "Late Night with Seth Meyers" on Monday, about the end of "Nashville."



Ewen Bremner (from left), Ewan McGregor and Robert Carlyle in the original 'Trainspotting'

'Trainspotting' sequel is coming soon

Sony Pictures will debut "T2: Trainspotting" on Feb. 3, 2017, for a limited release, followed by a wider expansion on Feb. 10, 2017, according to **ew.com**. The Danny Boyle-directed film is a follow-up to his 1996 classic about addiction in Edinburgh, Scotland. The original cast (Ewan McGregor, Ewen Bremner, Jonny Lee Miller and Robert Carlyle) will be returning.

We see why this show's name changed

ABC announced its new fall schedule on Tuesday, and the comedy previously known as "The Second Fattest Housewife in Westport" got a new name. According to **ew.com**, the show is now titled "American Housewife." When asked if the title was changed out of concern about offending people, ABC entertainment president Channing Dungey said, "... what we love about the character Katie Otto that's played by Katy Mixon is that she feels very universal and very relatable. What we love about 'American Housewife' is that it feels that it can speak for housewives from New York to Los Angeles, from Boise to Miami, so it feels very universal and that's part of what we like about the show." We're not sure that answers the question.

HOT DATE

JULY 23

That's when HBO's "Looking" will say goodbye. The half-hour dramedy was canceled last year after two seasons, but HBO is giving it a two-hour sendoff movie to wrap up storylines. The film will follow Patrick (Jonathan Groff) as he returns to San Francisco after a year to celebrate with his old friends, according to **tvline.com**.